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Earlier Joe Mazzara Cut Raborn's Hair Aboard Ship In Moreau War

City Man Treasures Note rom Ex-Shipmate, Now CIA Chief

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TF YOU'RE an espionage agent in this area, you'd better beware. The director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has a personal friend right here in Madison.

The friend is an East Side barber—Joe Mazzara But, Joe isn't overly concerned with spying activities he just enjoys cutting hair you are bringing to the people and doing a pitch for the with whom you are in contact U. S. Navy.

he met William F. "Red" Raborn, and the importance of manning President Johnson's choice to it." head the highly secretive CIA.

From 1950 to 1951, Joe was a warding to you my picture, and barber on the ship the then U.S. just let me wish you all the con Navy Capt. Raborn commanded, tinued health, happiness and suc During the hot days of the Korean cess from your shipmate," t h War, Joe cut Raborn's hair and CIA chief added. enjoyed several chats with the In a few more days, Joe go man.

"He was the best captain I ever graphed. served under," Joe commented. "He used to visit his men all the "It was quite a thrill to thin time; he was interested in t h e a man I admired so much stil crew, the moral, and their wel-remembered me," Joe said. fare."

ates a shop at 1247 E. Johnson has induced over 100 young Madi St., explained that Raborn made admiral shortly after that tour.

"I was surprised to read he was made director of the CIA t h i s summer," Joe added, "So, I decided to send him a letter of congratulations and see if he still remembered me."

"Red" Raborn did remember. In a few days Joe got a reply: "How delighted I was to hear

the fine place which our Nav In fact, it was in the Navy that has in the defense of our country

"Under seperate cover I am for

Raborn's picture, personally auto

As a sideline, Joe is the re-cruiter for the Madison Naval The friendly barber, who oper. Reserve unit. He estimated he

son boys to join the reserve out-

This year marks Joe's 20th year with the Navy. He started on aclive duty in 1945, served until 1948 and then went back in when the Korcan War broke out in 1950. The rest of the time he has been in the reserve.

"It was Raborn that convinced me that staying in the reserve was a good idea," Joe said. "Right now, I'm shooting for 30 years of service."

Joe started barbering in civilian life in 1955. Two years later he opened his present shop where he and Harlow Kipfer, 5918 Balsam Rd., keep customers well groomed.

"I learned barbering in the Navy back in 1945." Joe remembered. "You should have seen the head of the first guy I cut,"

Joe lives with his wife, Elizabeth, and their six children at 1005 Glenview Dr. The children are Greg, 9; Debbie, 8; Susan, 6; Jeff, 4; Joey, 2; and Tom, eight months.

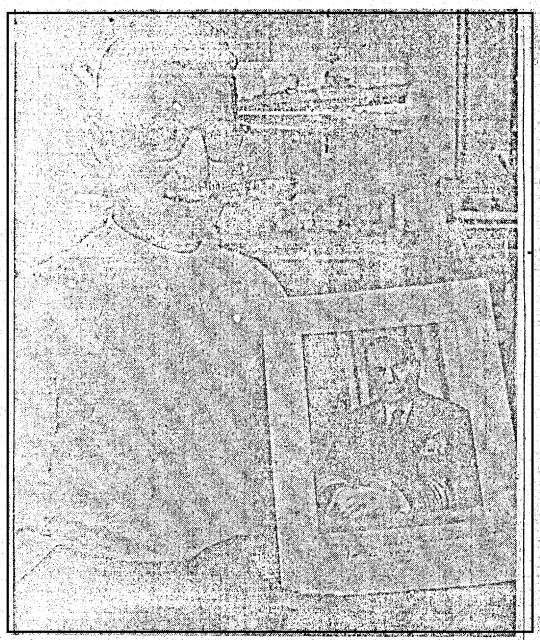
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Joe Mazzara holds the autographed picture sent to him by William "Red" Raborn, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. Joe, a Madison East Side harber, cut Raborn's hair while in the Navy. (Staff Photo by Tom Barlet)